

Application No.: 10/000284

Case No.: 56530US002

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 15-27, and 34-35 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Number 2003/0236321 to Sano et al. ("Sano") in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,929,160 to Krepski et al. ("Krepski").

Claims 1-5, 9-16, 23-25, 27, 31 and 34-35 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,889,083 to Zhu ("Zhu") in view of Krepski.

Claims 1-2, 4-12, 15-16, 23-25, 27-30 and 32-35 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,533,408 to Erdtmann et al. ("Erdtmann") in view of Krepski.

In all the rejections, the Examiner points to Krepski to show the a silyl-terminated sulfopoly(ester-urethane). Krepski is directed to protective or decorative coatings on, for example, paper. There is no motivation to modify Sano, Zhu or Erdtmann in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner relies on the desirability of the characteristics presented by the Krepski reference, toughness, weatherability, enhanced adhesion and abrasion resistance. However, there is no mention in any of the references of a lack of these characteristics.

No *prima facie* case of obviousness has been made with respect to the art cited by the Examiner.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

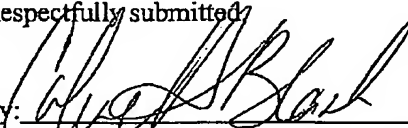
Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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